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C O N F I D E N T I A L BERLIN 04114

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, GE  
SUBJ: SHOOTING INCIDENT IN EAST BERLIN  
1. AT APPROXIMATELY 12:50 HOURS JUNE 19 SHOOTING BROKE  
OUT AT THE INTERSECTION OF FRIEDRICHSTRASSE AND UNTER  
DEN LINDEN IN DOWNTOWN EAST BERLIN. ACCOUNTS OBTAINED  
BY THE EMBASSY SUGGEST THAT AT LEAST TWO PERSONS WERE  
SHOT, PROBABLY DEAD, BY VOLKSPOLIZEI. AN AUTOMOBILE  
OF THE WESTERN GERMAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATION WAS  
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APPARENTLY CAUGHT IN AN EXCHANGE OF SHOTS BETWEEN THE  
POLICE AND A VEHICLE WHICH THEY WERE PURSUING, AND THE  
OCCUPANT INJURED SERIOUSLY.

2. RELIABLE ACCOUNTS SUGGEST THAT A VOLKSPOLIZEI SEDAN  
WAS PURSUING AN EAST GERMAN CIVILIAN REGISTERED  
(POTSDAM) MINIBUS SOUTH ON FRIEDRICHSTRASSE PAST THE

FRIEDRICHSTRASSE STATION. THE MINIBUS CRASHED TO THE RIGHT (WEST) INTO THE UNTER DEN LINDEN MEDIAN PARK STRIP, AT WHICH POINT AN OCCUPANT JUMPED OUT AND BEGAN FIRING WITH AN AUTOMATIC WEAPON. THE POLICE RETURNED THE FIRE, APPARENTLY KILLING THE PERSON FIRING. AN AMERICAN WITNESS SAID SHE SAW THE BULLET-RIDDLED BODY OF A "YOUNG ASIATIC MAN" ON THE GROUND BY THE MINIBUS AFTER THE SHOOTING STOPPED. SHE SAID THE MAN HAD SHORT HAIR, AS IF A MILITARY HAIRCUT, HIGH BLACK BOOTS, KHAKI TROUSERS AND A LIGHT SHIRT. ANOTHER WITNESS SAW A YOUNG MAN SHOT DOWN AS HE RAN SOUTH ON THE EAST SIDE OF FRIEDRICHSTRASSE AWAY FROM THE SCENE OF THE INCIDENT.

3. WALTER JUNG, ASSISTANT AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE OF THE FRG PERMANENT REPRESENTATION, WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED IN THE INCIDENT. JUNG WAS DRIVING SOUTH ON FRIEDRICHSTRASSE WHEN THE MINIBUS PASSED, PURSUED BY THE POLICE. HE DROVE TO THE RIGHT, BUT APPARENTLY CRASHED OR BECAME INVOLVED WITH THE MINIBUS BECAUSE OF A MANEUVER UNDERTAKEN BY THE LATTER. JUNG IS REPORTED IN SERIOUS CONDITION AT AN EAST GERMAN HOSPITAL. IT IS BELIEVED HIS INJURIES RESULTED FROM GUNFIRE.

4. WITNESSES SAID THAT AT LEAST THREE AMBULANCES CAME TO THE SCENE, THE FIRST OF WHICH A SOVIET MILITARY  
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AMBULANCE. ABOUT 45 MINUTES AFTER THE INCIDENT, AN EMBASSY OFFICER OBSERVED SIX SOVIET OFFICERS ON THE SCENE HEADED BY A LT. COLONEL. THE SOVIETS DEPARTED ABOUT ONE HOUR AFTER THE INCIDENT IN FOUR VEHICLES: A PASSENGER VOLGA, A "GAI" JEEP, ANOTHER JEEP AND A FIELD AMBULANCE.

5. ONE STORY CIRCULATING DIRECTLY AFTER THE INCIDENT WAS THAT THE MINIBUS WAS OCCUPIED BY SOVIETS. EXTRA-POLATING FROM THE ACCOUNTS WE HAVE RECEIVED AND THE PRESENCE OF THE CONTINGENT OF SOVIET OFFICERS, WE SPECULATE THAT THE PERSON WHO OPENED FIRE ON THE POLICE MAY HAVE BEEN A SOVIET.

6. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD FURTHER INFORMATION AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. BOLEN

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